

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN &
SHEFFIELD MEMBERS OF SBRSD SCHOOL COMMITTEE
JUNE 2, 2008
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
6:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Julie M. Hannum, Chairman
David D. Macy, Clerk
James T. Collingwood Sr.

School Comm. Members Present: David Steindler
Dek Tillett
Jack Pollitt
Susan Young

Other Staff Present: Joseph A. Kellogg, Town Administrator
Rhonda LaBombard, Assistant Town Administrator

Chairman Hannum called the meeting to order.

Discussion ensued regarding possible collaborations with Berkshire Hills Regional School District (BHRSD). The member towns of BHRSD voted recently to explore the possibility of allowing more towns to join their District. Discussion continued on transportation, BHRSD capital debt, quality of academics, problems associated with merging the districts and building usage. The School Committee members present were in agreement with the Board to pursue discussions with the Towns of Egremont, Monterey, Alford and New Marlborough regarding collaborations with BHRSD.

Discussion ensued on the cost of a district wide tax rate. Administrator Kellogg will calculate a comparison on the current tax rate and a district wide tax rate.

The Board thanked Dek Tillett for his service on the School Committee. With his appointment expiring on June 30, 2008, he will not seek reappointment. The applicants for the two vacancies on the School Committee are: Jack Pollitt, Vito Valentini, Dennis Sears and Eric Blackburn.

Discussion ensued regarding the closing of outlying schools in the District and safety issues with the Monterey school building.

Selectman Macy moved to recess the meeting until 7:00 pm, seconded by Selectman Collingwood. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hannum recessed the meeting at 6:50 p.m. and noted the Board would reconvene at 7:00 p.m. for their regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard
Assistant Town Administrator